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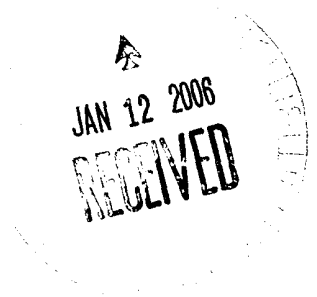
**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W., Room 700  
Washington, DC 20006

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Re: **Docket No. AB-281 (Sub-No. 1X)**  
**Texas North Western Railway Company -- Abandonment**  
**Exemption -- In Moore, Hutchinson and Hansford Counties, TX**

Dear Secretary Williams:

By notice served and published in the *Federal Register* on December 14, 2004, 69 Fed. Reg. 74567-68, Texas North Western Railway Company ("TXNW") was authorized to abandon its line of railroad, known as the Capps Spur, extending from milepost 20.0 at Capps, Texas through milepost 29.9 at Morse Junction, Texas to the end of track at milepost 34.0 in Morse, Texas and from milepost 29.9 at Morse Junction to the end of track at milepost 37.8 in Pringle, Texas, a total distance of approximately 21.9 miles in Moore, Hutchinson and Hansford Counties, Texas. TXNW's abandonment exemption became effective on January 13, 2005. By decision served December 19, 2005, the period for TXNW to exercise its abandonment authority for the Capps Spur was extended to January 13, 2006.

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. §§ 1152.29(e)(2) and 1152.60(e), TXNW hereby provides notice that it exercised the authority granted herein and consummated abandonment of the subject line of railroad on January 10, 2006.

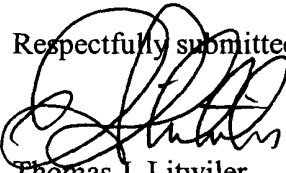
TXNW will retain the portion of the Capps Spur between milepost 20.0 at Capps and milepost 29.9 at Morse Junction as exempt spur trackage, and will use that trackage for railcar storage and other railroad purposes.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board. An extra copy also is enclosed, and I would request that you date-stamp that copy to show receipt of this filing and return it to me in the provided envelope.

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Please feel free to contact me should any questions arise regarding this matter.  
Thank you for your assistance. Kind regards.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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Enclosures

cc: Railroad Commission of Texas